

Littleton was born in Milford, Delaware and attended Howard High School. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve and spent time at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, as well as the Tuskegee Air Base in Alabama. In addition to his Army service, Lit, as he was known to his friends, worked at the Governor Bacon Residential Treatment Center for Social and Emotional Disturbed Youth for 36 years. Most noteworthy though, were his contributions as State President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

During his 31 years as President of Delaware's NAACP, Littleton played an important role in several civil rights advancements. He helped integrate all of Delaware's hospitals and worked to eliminate Delaware's Inn Keepers Law that allowed restaurants to refuse service to Black citizens. During the same period, Lit oversaw the integration of local movie theaters and Delaware's volunteer fire companies. I could continue but his accomplishments are too vast to cover in a single document.

Jane Mitchell was not only Littleton's loving wife, but an accomplished registered nurse and community activist. Also a graduate of Howard High School, Jane's nursing career led her to many different hospitals around the United States, including the Tuskegee Institute Hospital in Alabama, the Jewish Hospital of Philadelphia and several hospitals throughout Delaware. She held the distinguished titles of Head Nurse at the Governor Bacon Health Center, and Director of Nursing at Delaware State Hospital.

Jane's impressive career achievements and numerous volunteer activities have earned her a great deal of recognition. Most notably, she was recognized by the National Association of College Women as the Woman of the Year and the Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter of the Rho Sorority awarded her the Outstanding Negro Woman Award.

This couple has achieved so much in their lives, it is truly impossible to do them justice at this time. I am grateful for all they have given to the State of Delaware and I cannot think of two better people to name a chair after. I wish Howard High School luck in their endeavor and I know they will work diligently to honor their distinguished alumni.

TRIBUTE TO THE MOUNT ZION
AME CHURCH OF MILLBURN,
NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Township of Millburn, Essex County, New Jersey, a vibrant community I am proud to represent. On February 18, 2007, its good parishioners will celebrate the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church's 105th Anniversary.

The Mount Zion AME Church was organized in the Spring of 1888 by former members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Springfield, New Jersey, in order to give African American domestic workers a place of their own to gather and worship on Sunday mornings. Mr. Henry Chambers, Mrs. Willhelmina Veals and

Ms. Ella Taylor began the church with a Sunday School in a florist shop on Taylor Street in Millburn. A short while later the church moved to the Old Mountain House on Church Street, where it remained until 1902.

In 1889, Reverend Chase was appointed as pastor of the Mount Zion AME Church and served for 4 years. The Reverend John Roberts succeeded Reverend Chase in 1893 and served until 1895. Reverend Pendleton served as pastor in 1895, followed by Reverend Johnson in 1896.

The Reverend Adolphus Willis became pastor in 1897 and served until 1909. On August 20, 1902, Reverend Willis was instrumental in the church's purchase of the building located at 56 Church Street. The Mount Zion AME Church remains at this location today.

A total of twenty pastors led the church from between 1909 and 2003, when the Reverend Cecil Bonds was appointed pastor. Reverend Bonds continues as pastor of the Mount Zion AME Church today.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mount Zion AME Church of Millburn, New Jersey on the celebration of its 105th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO W.R. "REG" GOMES

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to W.R. "Reg" Gomes, who is retiring with distinction as Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources, for the University of California.

Over the past four decades, Reg has dedicated his life to the land-grant university missions of teaching, research and public service. He has mentored hundreds of current agricultural leaders from his early career as a professor at The Ohio State University, then as the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Illinois and finally in his home state to which he returned 11 years ago to lead the vast and varied agricultural education, science and Cooperative Extension programs of the University of California.

The grandson of immigrants from the Azores of Portugal, Reg was raised in the hard working dairy farming culture of California's Central Valley. This early appreciation for farming life led Reg to California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo) to study animal science. Reg and his brother became the first in their family to graduate from college. Reg went on to earn a master's degree from Washington State University and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. This is an impressive collection of degrees for a young man from a small dairy farm in the small town of Hanford, California and it was the beginning of a remarkable academic career.

As an internationally recognized scientist and educator, Reg has been a leading voice on several prominent State and national boards, including the Farm Foundation Agricultural Round Table, the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, the California Farm Bureau Federation Board and the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources of the National Research Council, which he currently chairs.

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I am particularly proud that California is the Nation's leading agricultural state with nearly \$30 billion in sales coming from over 88,000 farms which produce 350 different commodities. These impressive statistics are due in large part to the innovative spirit of California farmers who are usually the first to use new technologies and science-based farming practices, and it is our state's great land-grant university—the University of California—and leaders like Reg Gomes whom we have to thank for much of our farming successes.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to offer these words in tribute to my friend Reg Gomes and to wish him and his wife Anne a wonderful next phase of their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH
"DUKE" CARTER FOR OVER 40
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a man whose professional life has been dedicated to improving the lives of working men and women in Massachusetts and our Nation. Joseph "Duke" Carter is a remarkable labor leader with a long and illustrious career with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades.

Duke joined the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades in 1965 and over the next 21 years worked on numerous jobs throughout Boston and the State of Massachusetts. In this capacity Duke developed complete comprehension of the trade and was known for his expertise and attention to detail.

In 1986, Duke became a Business Representative for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #35 until 2005 when he was appointed to the position of Assistant Director of Servicing. Duke has also contributed to the improvement of workers' rights as a Delegate to the International Painters and Allied Trades at their National Convention as well as being a Trustee in the Pension, Annuity, Health and Apprenticeship funds program.

Despite his various accomplishments, the title that Duke has always been most proud of and which he cherishes most, is the title of a proud and loving husband. Duke has had the enormous pleasure and tremendous good fortune to be married to his wife Patti for over 43 years.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with Joseph "Duke" Carter's family, friends and brothers and sisters of labor to thank him for over 40 years of remarkable service to the American Labor Movement. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Duke's distinguished career and wishing him good health and God's blessing in all his future endeavors.